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California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Santa Ana Region

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To: Interested Parties

TRANSMITTAL OF DRAFT CLEANUP AND ABATEMENT ORDER NO. R8-2004-0042 FOR PYRO SPECTACULARS, INC., MR. THOMAS O. PETERS AND WHITTAKER CORPORATION – FIVE-ACRE PARCEL LOCATED AT 2298 WEST STONEHURST DRIVE, RIALTO, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

Enclosed for your review and comment is draft Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R8-2004-0042, for the investigation and cleanup of perchlorate at the five-acre parcel located at 2298 West Stonehurst Drive, Rialto, California. This item is scheduled to be considered for adoption at the Regional Board meeting on April 30, 2004. The Board meeting will commence at 9:00 AM, at the offices of the Cucamonga Valley Water District, 10440 Ashford Street, Rancho Cucamonga, California. A full agenda for this meeting, and directions to the meeting location, will be posted on the Regional Board's Internet site, located at http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb8.

Local affected agencies and suspected perchlorate dischargers in the Rialto area are currently exploring alternatives and innovative technologies that may assist in addressing the perchlorate contamination in groundwater, and the impacts of this contamination on the municipal water supply in the Rialto, Colton and Chino Groundwater Subbasins. As part of this effort, Pyro Spectaculars, Inc., has proposed to establish the Rialto Environmental Assessment Partnership (REAP), and has invited other entities to participate. A draft preliminary proposal for this partnership is posted on the Regional Board's Internet site, listed above.

Pyro Spectaculars, Inc. proposes to conduct the REAP project in lieu of conducting the investigation and cleanup that would be required by the draft Cleanup and Abatement Order. Regional Board staff has not taken a position on the REAP proposal at this time, but we are soliciting comments on this alternative. To that end, we expect to agendize a discussion of the REAP proposal for the Board's April 30 meeting, so that the Board can consider comments on the proposal from interested parties prior to its consideration of the Cleanup and Abatement Order.

Interested parties are invited to provide comments on the enclosed draft Cleanup and Abatement Order, and the REAP proposal. Written comments should be submitted by 4:00 PM April 28, 2004 to:

California Environmental Protection Agency



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Comments on the draft order and the REAP proposal may also be sent via e-mail to: asturdiv@rb8.swrcb.ca.gov.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (909) 782-3286 or Ann Sturdivant at (909) 782-4904. Questions regarding the Regional Board meeting should be directed to Catherine Ehrenfeld, Staff Services Analyst, at (909) 782-3285.

Sincerely,

Kurt V. Berchtold Assistant Executive Officer

Enclosures:

- 1. Draft Cleanup and Abatement Order No. R8-2004-0042
- 2. Interested Parties Mailing List